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Subject: Statewide Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #144

Dear Mr. Hurst:

The Federal Highway Administration has reviewed your electronic submittal of the July 25, 2018, request of concurrence with Amendment 144 to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The Federal Highway Administration concurs with the project change to the FY 2017-2020 STIP as listed below:

STIP Number	Action	Project/Terminal	FY	Phase	Funding Source	Programmed Federal Funds
1778330	Add new project	Great Smoky Mountains National Park Clean Diesel Technologies Equipment Acquisition	2018	PUR	CMAQ	\$140,000

Per FHWA's Interim Guidance on Conformity Requirements for the 1997 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS), STIP amendment approvals for projects that are in areas formerly in a non-attainment or maintenance status for the 1997 Ozone NAAQS and are not exempt from transportation conformity may not proceed until transportation conformity with the 1997 Ozone NAAQS is determined. This project has been through the Knoxville interagency consultation process and is considered exempt per 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §93.126.

Per CMAQ eligibility requirements, the sponsor of this project must provide a certification letter stating that the awarded vehicles are primarily construction vehicles used for highway construction projects, as defined in 23 United States Code (U.S.C.) §101(a)(4), and will not be used dominantly in a maintenance role.

If you have any questions regarding this concurrence, please contact me at (615) 781-5767 or [sean.santalla@dot.gov](mailto:sean.santalla@dot.gov).

Sincerely,



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